

On page 1, between lines 32 and 33, insert the heading --BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS--.

On page 2, between lines 13 and 14, insert the heading --DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION--.

IN THE CLAIMS

Kindly cancel claims 1, 2, 4, 5, and 11, add new claim 12, and amend claims 3 and 6-10 to read as follows: As a result, independent claim 12 and dependent claims 3 and 6-10 remain for the Examiner's consideration.

3. (Amended) A hook according to claim 12, in which said ring has an axis passing through a top of a curve of the J-shaped first end section.

6. (Amended) A hook according to claim 12, in which an inlet edge of the inlet duct is rounded so as to avoid leaving any sharp edge which could injure the cable.

7. (Amended) A hook according to claim 12, in which the ring surrounds said inlet duct in the vicinity of its junction with the outlet duct.

8. (Amended) A hook according to claim 12, in which the finger grip end block has lateral recesses and projections to form a finger grip.

9. (Amended) A hook according to claim 12, in which the finger grip end block connects a tilting safety tongue fixed to said finger grip end block for bearing against a free inside end of the hook.

10. (Amended) A hook according to claim 9, in which the free end is coated with extra injected material.

12. (New) A hook for a cable comprising:

a finger grip end block having a passage formed therethrough;

the cable slidably received in the passage, the cable having a folded end secured by a crimped clip;

the passage having an inlet duct through which a straightened cable section passes;

the passage further having an outlet duct, larger than the inlet duct and receiving the folded cable end;

the junction between the inlet and outlet ducts forming a shoulder serving as a stop abutment for the folded cable end when the cable is placed in tension;

a rigid flat wire having an inverted J-shaped first end section facing the outlet duct, the inverted J-shaped first end section serving as a hook member; and

the flat wire having an opposite end section bent into a ring embedded in the finger grip block, around the stop abutment, and located in a plane generally perpendicular to the J-shaped first end section, the ring serving to reinforce the finger grip end block

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As a result of the present amendment, independent claim 12 and dependent claims 3 and 6-10 remain for the Examiner's consideration.

The Office Action, and the prior art relied upon, have been carefully considered. The specification and drawings have been arranged to comply with the Examiner's instructions as discussed in paragraphs 1-4 of the Office Action.

In an effort to expedite the prosecution of the present application, claims 1, 2, 4, 5, and 11 have been cancelled, and, in their stead, a comprehensive claim 12 has been added. This claim includes the subject matter of the cancelled claims and presents them in a clear and more comprehensive form so as to distinguish the presently claimed